

### **REMARKS**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 8, 2007, Applicant thanks the Examiner for his guidance and patience. Further, Applicant thanks the Examiner for his comments in the personal interview of April 27 2007. All of Examiner's comments and suggestions are very much appreciated. In the present response, the Applicant has amended Claims 11, 14, and 16, and 18 and canceled claims 15 and 17. Therefore, claims 11, 13, 14-16 and 18 are still pending.

#### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112**

The Examiner has rejected Claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has canceled claim 15 and therefore the 35 U.S.C. 112 is moot.

#### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103**

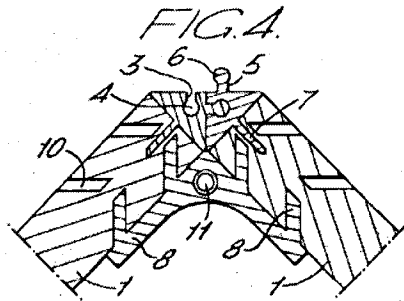
The Examiner has rejected Claims 11-18 as being obvious by Piretti (U.S. Patent No. 3,856,147) in view of Kent et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,288,301) and Mayr (U.S. Patent 4,253,268). However, Piretti in view of Kent and Mayr does not teach all of the elements of the amended independent claims.

As discussed in the interview with the Examiner, the snap together arrangement of the pending claims comprises said panel cover further comprising mounting guides having at least one elongated member cavity to receive an end of an elongated member. This limitation is not found in any of the cited references. By providing these mounting guides, the snap together arrangement has more flexibility, and can provide different sized snap together arrangements based on the length of the elongated members.

For exemplary purposes only, in one embodiment, an elongated member is depicted in amended Figure 19A. As can be seen, the elongated member 1320 extends from mounting guides on the panel cover 845.

However, Piretti does not disclose an elongated member attached to a panel cover as recited in the present application. Following the Examiner's assertions, Piretti's Fig 4. discloses two panels (1) having a latch (5) and catch (4) which are slidably connected to each other. For

ease of reference Fig. 4 is included below. However, there is no elongated member disclosed anywhere in Piretti.



Therefore, because the Piretti, Kent any Mayr references when combined do not teach all the elements of newly amended Claim 11, a *prima facie* case of obviousness cannot be established. As the independent claims have been amended, it is believed that Claims 13-18 are patentable over these references as well.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed and that the application is now in order for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and allowance thereof is courteously solicited.

### **Conclusion**

Applicant has complied with all requirements made in the above-referenced communication. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending Claims in the application are in condition for allowance. Allowance of the pending claims at an early date is courteously solicited.

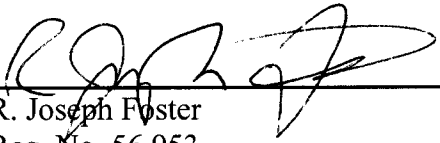
If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's undersigned representatives, attention R. Joseph Foster at (310) 586-6565 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

This response is being timely filed and no fee is believed due. However, if Applicant is mistaken, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee in connection with the submission of this paper, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Account No. **50-2638**. Please ensure that the Attorney Docket Number **70288-010200** is referred to when charging any payments or credits for this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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